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Title: System and Method for

Invoking Execution of a Sequence of Operations that Includes Motion Control, Machine Vision, and Data

Acquisition (DAQ)

Functionality

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the above-captioned case.

Please amend the case as listed below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please change the paragraph beginning on line 20 of page 6 to read as follows:

--Figure 5 is a flowchart diagram illustrating one embodiment of step 403 of Figure 4, in which user input specifying a desired sequence of motion control (or MC/MV/DAQ) operations is received to the graphical user interface of the prototyping environment;--

REMARKS

With the above amendment to the specification, Applicant requests to correct the brief description of the Figure 5 drawing. The description previously read, "Figure 5 is a flowchart diagram illustrating one embodiment of step 402 of Figure 4..." However, there is no step 402 in the Figure 4 flowchart. The description should instead read, "Figure 5 is a flowchart diagram illustrating one embodiment of step 403 of Figure 4..."

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submits the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment I: Changes to Specification

The following is a marked-up version illustrating the changes made to the paragraph beginning on line 20 of page 6.

--Figure 5 is a flowchart diagram illustrating one embodiment of step <u>403</u> [402] of Figure 4, in which user input specifying a desired sequence of motion control (or MC/MV/DAQ) operations is received to the graphical user interface of the prototyping environment;--

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